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"The editor of the Democratic pretends now that he never complained of President Fillmore for requiring obedience to the laws of the United States. He did though. He was President because the country did not, after the passing of the Pampero with her filibusters from New Orleans, give a free charter to all such citizens of the United States as might choose to go to Cuba for the purpose of revolutionizing the island.—*Low Journal*.

"For requiring obedience"—you say—He never required obedience, if you like that, because he enforced the law. His whole course was one of impudent blundering. He proclaimed what his duty was, and then didn't do it. The Pampero went off before the eyes of white officials, contrary to law made and provided, as they understood and expounded it. Then all would go fierce and valorous, and made more enough to do mischievous, and nothing else—Fillmore issued a proclamation, which the Consul deemed instructions, and acted in strict accordance with it; and then he repudiated the Consul. He instructed an agent to inquire into matters, who was repulsed at every step, and Fillmore gave it up. If a whig hadn't more brains than usual, he would not do it.

It was Fillmore's duty to arrest the Pampero at New Orleans. It was his duty, as he believed, to arrest the vessel on the ocean—he did none of these things. He blundered all the way. His friends have but one plea to urge, and that is, that the execution of the law is impossible—but Fillmore did his best and failed.

Pierce's Cabinet.
There are some things known about this body in future to some people; and it is, perhaps, as well to announce them and relieve the painful anxiety which is every where felt on the subject.

The New Hampshire Patriot has written a grave article, with some ominous giving out; but after reading over what the editor has to say, we have come to the conclusion that he knows nothing about it; and like a wise man, has said just about what he knows and no more.

Quite a fuss is made over this New Hampshire article, but the author of it knows no more than we do; or if he does, he has not condescended to tell it. Indeed, he doesn't know half as much, as our readers will see. About the Cabinet we know—

1st. That Pierce will have a hand in making it.

2d. There will be no whigs in it.

3d. It will be composed of just eight members; neither more nor less.

4th. More than eight men will be disappointed, that they are not in it.

5th. Pierce don't now know who they will be.

6th. They will not be the right men in every body's estimation.

7th. It will be dreadfully lucky if they all turn out to be the right men, in Pierce's own estimation.

8th. They will be very unsatisfactory to the whigs—particularly to whig editors.

9th. No one of them will be any better than the one to be.

Now talk about oracles—let any man say we don't know much about the Cabinet as the next man. If Pierce himself knows any more than the above, let him tell it if he dares. As to anybody else's giving out, we defy it.

10th. The Republic seems a good deal excited at the suggestion of Samuel Medary, of Ohio, for a seat in the Cabinet of the incoming administration. No doubt whigs of his stripe have strong objections to the editor of the Ohio Statesman; and their objections are no small recommendation. Medary is a man of talent and fine business capacity. He would make an able, energetic and reliable officer. Perhaps no man in the West knows better the feelings, sentiments and wants of the Mississippi valley. It is not at all unlikely that he may represent Ohio in the Cabinet. He would do well.

11th. The election of Dixon or Merriweather decided the majority in the Senate; there is a not a Loco-foco Senator who would not have voted for Gwin's nominee.—*Low Journal*.

The editor of the Journal does not know the Democratic party, but he does know himself, and knowing that neither he nor those who affiliate with him in principle would in a state of case like the above act in accordance with right and justice, he can't understand how it would be possible for democrats to do so. To use a homely saying, the editor measures his neighbor's grain by his own bushel.

12th. Hon. Humphrey Marshall, our Commissioner to China, had reached Rome on the 16th of November, and was to sail from Naples on the 23d for Alexandria, via Malta, so as to embark at Suez on the 5th of December in the steamer of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Company. Mr. Marshall will probably reach Canton early in January.

13th. When Rogues Fall Out, &c. The editor of the New York Tribune volunteers a column or so of advice to General Pierce about office seekers. He thinks the present generation of them very presumptuous, but at the same time, he admits that they are to supersede, not the most likely. He suggests that the latter shall all be sent adrift, and don't intend to weep over their fate.

But, although the editor professes to be offering advice and instruction to Pierce, he is in fact showing up the conduct of the model administration of Millard Fillmore. In order that Pierce may be informed fully, and forewarned against imposition, the editor publishes a rich correspondence between the whig Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Stewart, and the whig Commissioner of Patents, Mr. Ewbank. If Pierce don't thank the editor for this lesson, we shall do it for him; and we re-publish the correspondence. It is worth reading:

Correspondence of the Appointment of Timothy Fitch.
(Private.) Willard's Notary, Wednesday evening, May 14, 1851.

Hon. A. H. H. Steward.
Dear Sir—In compliance with your direction, I made out the appointment of Mr. Timothy Fitch, but so convinced an I was, that it will prove an unfortunate one in every point, that I do not trust to the office to state this before handing him an official notification of his appointment to-morrow.

It is the first example of a person being put in an office, who has no right to it, and who, on purely political grounds, and without a single testimonial on file of his qualifications to perform the scientific and highly important duties required of every member of that body. It will assuredly furnish democrats with a text from which many a powerful sermon may be preached against the administration and the whigs. We will, however, be sure to receive with unfeigned pleasure—what they will receive, not only Mr. F., but most, if not every one of the whig examiners in the course. The now stand, it is believed, ten to five democrats.

The inventors and mechanicks of the Union, on the novelty of whose inventions examine and approve, decide to, patentees, to agents, and to the great body of citizens, who feel a warm interest in its reputation and freedom from political influence, the appointment will be anything but an acceptable one.

To Mr. Fitch it cannot prove a con-

genial one, unless he can do what he now attempts; yet begin an entirely new profession at a period of life when most men are declining their last ledgers. A profession, too, for which not merely general qualifications, but peculiar fitness is required.

I believe this is the first political letter I ever wrote, and I beg you to notice which prompted me to write it, for whatever may be in it, I hope that you will give it a proper place.

Most respectfully and sincerely,
THOS. EW.BANK.

(The foregoing letter, though intended to be private, was treated as official, and replied to as follows:—)

Washington, 16th May, 1851.
Thomas Eubank, Esq.,
Commissioner of Patents:

Sir—I reply to your letter of yesterday, expressing your doubts as to the propriety of appointing Mr. Fitch, of New York, one of the assistant examiners, to the patent office, whom you supposed to be a man of great talents. I beg leave to inform you that Mr. Fitch was appointed with reference to considerations of a political character, but in consequence of his qualifications as a lawyer, and his presumed ability to expound the legal questions which arise from time to time in the course of his official duty. I appointed him. It is well known that the man is entirely sufficient for the examination of all questions of a purely scientific or mechanical nature. There are, however, many subjects demanding investigation which require a thorough knowledge of legal principles, and a wide range of knowledge, which I am not well-qualified to give him. I appointed him, therefore, to the patent office, with the hope that he will be able to make a good service to the country.

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As far as I can learn, Mr. Fitch has been received for 800 miles each year, and I have no objection to his doing so, provided he is not exceeding the amount allowed for 800 miles each year. It is well known that the man is entirely sufficient for the examination of all questions of a purely scientific or mechanical nature. There are, however, many subjects demanding investigation which require a thorough knowledge of legal principles, and a wide range of knowledge, which I am not well-qualified to give him. I appointed him, therefore, to the patent office, with the hope that he will be able to make a good service to the country.

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Advertisements inserted in the Daily Democrat, have an insertion in our Evening Edition, gratis.

For Amusements, Auction Sales, and Steamboat Advertisements, see appropriate columns, under separate heads.

(C) We are daily adding large accessions to the Subscription List of the Democrat.

In all parts of the city we are receiving, and increasing its general usefulness for the coming year. In fact, we intend to make the Democrat such a paper will be desirable in every business house, and acceptable in every private family.

The printers must have Christmas, so our readers will expect no paper on Monday. A Merry Christmas to you all, with plenty to eat, and not too much to drink. The letter which is not intended for our readers. They never get "high."

PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR.—The Mayor, gives notice to parents and guardians, that the firing of pistols, shooting crackers, torpedoes, &c., in the streets, is contrary to ordinance, and will positively be prohibited.

Mr. Snigglefritz intends to dine at home to day. She says she will have a feast of roses and a flow of roses on a *shew* dish.

15 L. B. White, City Marshal, gives notice to the public that all price and discount, ratios, or cash-bills of any kind, whereby the purchasers of tickets become entitled to prizes, are contrary to law, and will in future be prohibited.

Mrs. Emma G. Bostwick, the distinguished contracress, and company, arrived here on the mail boat yesterday morning, and took rooms at the Gulf House.

17 There was nothing done at the Police court yesterday morning, worth reporting.

The Infant Violinist, the greatest musical prodigy of the age, will visit our city next week.

The brothers in St. Charles market made a very grand display of meats last night. Jack Powers, Joe Meggenmeyer, John T. Louis Rehm, and others, had their stalls beautifully decorated, and the display attracted much attention.

Dr. Sizer, who has just returned from a visit to the Indian Mission, will deliver a missionary address on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, at 3 o'clock, in the Methodist Church, Eighth street, between Main and Market.

The Doctor's address will no doubt be full of interest, and will embody many of the incidents of his recent tour among the Indians.

Mr. Samuel Messick has become the purveyor of the beautiful dry goods establishment formerly occupied by W. W. Gardner, on 4th street, between Market and Jefferson.

The mammoth Horsier ex, now in this city, is to be exhibited at the World's Fair, in New York.

A horse attached to a carriage, became frightened at the firing of shooting crackers on Market street last evening and ran off at a very rapid rate. A man, whose name we could not learn, in attempting to stop the horse, stumbled and fell, the wheels of the carriage passing over his chest, and injuriously hit him severely.

Messrs. Donegan & Brother, formerly of this city, have commenced business in Jersey town equally.

THE CONCERT TO-NIGHT.—Mr. Malone Kynmont and the ladies of his family give a second musical entertainment this evening, which will doubtless be received with as much, or even greater pleasure than the first. Those who wish for a hearty laugh, united to the delight of music of the highest order, both vocal and instrumental, should not fail to attend. "Stand not upon the order of your going," but purchase tickets at once, for they are being sold rapidly. Price only 50 cents each, with the chance of a splendid present of a gold watch. 700 tickets are already disposed of.

The reader will see in our columns the account of Mrs. Bartlow's concert. We take the following note from a Syracuse paper:— "We think her singing is superior to any thing in that, but we have our doubts. There is an indescribable sweetness and purity in her tones, which seems to pour a liquid, ringing fluid of melody into the heart and soul of the listener, and make every fibre of the frame thrill with pleasure. Her singing can be felt and understood by the most uneducated ear, and the pleasure of the highest, and most select, of the flute is perfectly itself. The performance of Aunt Oliver upon the concertina was well received, and the whole concert was one of the most satisfactory ever given in this city. We hope she will favor us with another on her return from the West."

Among the sales of tobacco yesterday were three bushels of the new crop.

The weather was very inclement yesterday, and the streets, are in navigable order, for vessels of all classes.

17 Delph, at the Crystal Palace Restaurant serves fresh Baltimore and New Haven oysters, in every style. Give him a call.

BOAT SHOW.—The little steamer W. H. Day, owned by Capt. James Cardwell, ran against a flotilla in the Cumberland river, on Wednesday night, near Bell Mills, some 18 or 20 miles below Nashville, and sank immediately. She was an old boat and not insured.

The number of hogs slaughtered at Madison, up to Wednesday evening, was 110,000.

Mr. Bowley, with Major Gordon, commenced the survey of the railroad route from Madisonville to Hopkinsville, on Wednesday last. The work is now commenced in earnest.

17 Joel Gray and Stephen McManam broke out of the jail at Bedford, Ind., a few days ago, and escaped. Gray stands charged with the murder of a man in Missouri.

The Baptists in California have started a paper called the Pacific Banner.

An earthquake occurred at St. Jago de Cuba on the 27th ult., destroying a number of buildings.

The parties arrested at Cincinnati, charged with murder, arson, and perjury, in the Martha Washington affair, have been held to bail on a sum of \$10,000. They are to have a preliminary examination at Columbus on Wednesday. They are preparing what they call a "correct statement of the charges preferred against them," which is to appear in the Cincinnati paper to day.

Mr. E. King, of Nashville, has commenced the erection of gas works in Lexington, Ky.

FROM MEXICO.—Further advices from the City of Mexico state that the Minister of foreign affairs has issued a circular forbidding the landing of strangers in numbers, and states that the leader of the revolutionists in Michoacan is the same person who made the well known proposal to General Scott. Mr. Stevens has withdrawn his Tehuantepec proposal. The insurgent forces in Guadalupe are increasing, and 4,000 men with pieces of artillery have joined against them.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Louisville Democrat.]

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 15, 1852.

Meers, Editors—

The tariff debate in the house still continues, but will be closed to day or to-morrow. The topic cannot be treated properly this session, and probably will be left over for the new administration to dispose of. Some good arguments have been made on the subject. The differences are now more in matters of detail than of principle. Since the icy ministry of President King is so feeble as to cause serious apprehension to his friends. He suffers with pulmonary symptoms of a severe chest affection, and is much enfeebled and prostrated by it. He is utterly unable to leave his chamber, and unless his system rallies, the result of his illness will speedily be known.

Such a withdrawal of the elevated cup from his lips, would add another to the many recent and striking illustrations of the vanity of human wishes and human ambition.

Cuba, and his *haciendas*, will be forced it upon us, and Cuba, for which we don't purchase it, the publication of Mr. Buchanan's correspondence will prevent it. We do not want any more slavery, which, in short, is the key to the whole of President Polk's policy in regard to Cuba. But Hayti is a different sort of place. There we may intervene, and we will intervene, with the consent of France and England, to prevent a war between the blacks and whites, and to keep open the coffee and sugar trade with both parties.

I am sorry to state that the health of Vice President King is so feeble as to cause serious apprehension to his friends. He suffers with pulmonary symptoms of a severe chest affection, and is much enfeebled and prostrated by it. He is utterly unable to leave his chamber, and unless his system rallies, the result of his illness will speedily be known.

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[Mr. Pierce's Policy.]

[From the London Morning Chronicle.]

The last accounts from Cuba depict the loyal inhabitants of the island as thrown into a state of the utmost consternation by the success of General Pierce in the U. States. Public opinion has so long associated the policy of the American Democrats with high-handed injustice, and has so uniformly imputed to their Whig antagonists an enlarged sense of international rights, that, on a view of the recent contest taken from such a point as Cuba, we can readily understand why all prospect of immunity from periodical pirates was considered to be staked on the return of the Whig candidate. But we have only too much reason to believe that this reasoning is, in one of its branches, fallacious: for it would be sinning against probabilities to suppose that the independence of Cuba, however menaced by General Pierce, would have been safe during the Presidency of General Scott. It is very long since any other aspirant to the chiefship of the State, even in America, called to his aid so much of giving publicity to secret diplomatic correspondence, Mr. Fillmore has put the public in possession of such a most faceted negotiation with the negro Emperor of Hayti, resulting in the contemptuous repudiation of his proposed mediation and a defiance of his threats. The three powers were induced by these sanguine attempts to overawe the woolly headed bigwigs, and the slaves have decidedly the best of the negotiation, having carried their point. It seems from this rich correspondence that our alumnus entered into an alliance with France and England, to cast or coaxes Solonique into a recognition of the Dominicans, on a treaty of ten years' duration, threatening him with coercion if he refused. After shuffling and bungling the trifariates, Solonique did finally and flatly refuse, and the envoy extraordinary came off with large fangs in their ears. France, gradually contriving to secure a foothold in Dominica, if not prevented by the other two of the trifariate league. Thus we have been cut off, and by the coquetry of British diplomats, as affairs now look. Mr. B. E. Green, a gentleman of high intelligence and reputation, had the initiative steps of the original negotiation to manage, some years ago, under Mr. Calhoun's instructions. His agency in the matter has been mislaid by Mr. Webster in his despatch, and the correct statement of the facts from his pen will probably appear at an early date. One of your citizens, also, has been active in these negotiations, having once held a diplomatic position there. He is a man of shrewdness, ability, and energy, and but for the imbecility of our administration, the foreign interference would have been frustrated, and this villain's Island, the key to the West Indies, ours. Although incredulous persons may scoff at the idea of a settled purpose on the part of France to interfere in both places, the proofs thunder thickly. If Great Britain is allowed to chuckle on in Mexico, we will gladly permit France to do so in Sopora and Hayti. The signs in all these quarters speak equally.

Though the French government, from obvious motives of policy, just nowly disavow the action of Count Bouillon in annexing Sopora, yet in "aid and comfort" may confidently be expected. For it is not generally known that there are three separate French military colonies in that region, comprising at least 20,000 men, to whom reinforcements are constantly coming, two under M. Hispanoer and one under Count Bouillon. They have forbade any Americans from joining the colony, and driven out one who went with them. The French minister in Mexico has aided and countenanced these movements, for the avowed purpose of pre-occupying the route for a railroad between the Mississippi and the Pacific. The remarks of M. Dupuyer Dommartin on this subject, republished in the N. Y. Times, throw a strong light on these movements. The same point also arises.

M. Ferrié, in a letter published in yesterday's *Courrier des Etats Unis*, contends that the French occupation of Sopora, and conquest of Sonora, are the initiatory steps of what Napoleon in the interest of the allied despotism of Europe and America commences an active intervention on the continent against the further spread of democratic principles. The performance of Aunt Oliver upon the concertina was well received, and the whole concert was one of the most satisfactory ever given in this city. The music was all of the best.

Intelligent foreigners can understand these movements better than ourselves.

Foreign advice, brought by the Arctic, up to the 1st December, gives us the following particulars of a very curious anti-slavery movement set a foot by the ladies of England:

The address of "the Ladies of England," for the purpose of addressing a memorial to the ladies of the United States, calling on them to use their influence for the abolition of negro slavery—acknowledges the share Britain had in the introduction of slavery into her colonies, denounces the interdiction of religious instruction from the pulpit, and the abolition of the institution, that the ladies of the United States, as the grandiloquent rhetor in which Scott's petty skirmishes are described is fitted to rouse their suspicion and to excite their fear. Most energetically do we hope that, in politics, Mr. Pierce is the reverse of a *beau sabreur*. Probably the career and destines of a free nation were never before so unreversibly confined to the direction of a free will. The great party which he commands is ready to mould itself to every one of his purposes. For it has no political views of its own, and it is perfectly ready to adopt a creed with the same unbounded confidence in the turns of hazard which has just displayed in the choice of a President.

We augur favorably of Mr. Pierce, not much from the praises of his friends, which is worthless as the basis of an inference, but from the turn which has been taken by the veneration of his foes. They reproach him for his tameness and want of spirit, as a man of colorless politics and suspected courage. Making reasonable deduction from these imputations—which, in the form in which we see them, are no doubt calumnies—we imagine him to be that Transatlantic *narrator*, a moderate and cautious politician. A favorite libel of the Whigs avers that he fainted in the crisis of one of the Mexican battles. Translated into a different language from that of political malversation, this statement is as much calculated to reassure the neighbors and allies of the United States, as the grandiloquent rhetoric in which Scott's petty skirmishes are described is fitted to rouse their suspicion and to excite their fear. Most energetically do we hope that, in politics, Mr. Pierce is the reverse of a *beau sabreur*.

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RIVER NEWS.

THE RIVER AND WEATHER.—The river opposite this city was rising rapidly last evening, with full 3' of water on the falls, over the rocks.

The weather was quite rainy throughout the day yesterday.

New Boar.—A new steamer, called the Royal Arch, arrived at the wharf yesterday from Pittsburgh, where she was built. She is intended for the Pittsburgh and St. Louis trade, and is a very pretty looking craft.

The Mattie Wayne has gone into the Gironi and New Orleans trade.

TOSHIMONO.—This new steamer, built by Geo. Armstrong, of New Albany, is now at our wharf, and leaves for Tennessee river to-day, in charge of Capt. Briscoe. The following are the dimensions of the Toshimono: length, 180 feet—beam, 29 feet—depth of hold, 6 feet.

She has three boilers 26 feet long and 18 inches in diameter. Her engines have 7 feet stroke, with cylinders 15% inches in diameter.

The upholstery is by C. Deviney, and is of the finest quality: the carpet is from the extensive establishment of Hite & Small. The whole cost of the boat is \$35,000.

We are indebted to those polite and attentive gentlemen, Messrs. Woolfolk and Cain, clerks on the Lady Pike, for St. Louis papers.

The officers of the Pike report large quantities of ice running in the Mississippi as far down as Cape Girardeau.

The Wabash river is in excellent navigable condition, and the boats are running between Terre Haute and Lafayette.

There is known to have been thirteen persons lost on the Wabash river. Mr. Rice and family got on at St. Louis, and were lost except Mr. Jones, Mr. Sullivan, wife and infant who got on at St. Louis—all were lost. Officers and crew were all saved except one. The boat was on board, and was lost.

She passes into the warm kitchen, and keeps close to the wall as if she expected an anath or a blow. The cold winds are making merry with those thin rags. You see nothing of childhood's rounded symmetry

